



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

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**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Michael E. Morrill  
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Mikulski for Senate  
509 S. Exeter Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: MUR 5557  
Pipkin for U.S. Senate, Inc. and  
Sharon Carrick, in her official  
capacity as treasurer, and Edward J.  
Pipkin

Dear Mr. Morrill:

On October 13, 2005, the Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations in your complaint dated October 5, 2004, and found that on the basis of the information provided in your complaint, and information provided by the respondents in this matter, there is no reason to believe Pipkin for U.S. Senate, Inc. and Sharon Carrick, in her official capacity as treasurer, and Edward J. Pipkin violated 2 U.S.C. §434(a)(6)(B)(iii) and 11 C.F.R. § 400.21(a). Accordingly, on October 13, 2005, the Commission closed the file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

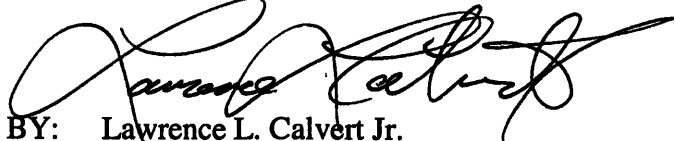
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The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton  
General Counsel

  
BY: Lawrence L. Calvert Jr.  
Deputy Associate General Counsel  
for Enforcement

Enclosure  
General Counsel's Report

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